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C O N F I D E N T I A L JUNE 28.

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH [ ] MEMBER OF GIA DINH PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, [ ] DESCRIBED ELECTORAL PLANS OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC BLOC (KHOI QUOC GIA DAN CHU), LED BY DR. PHAM QUANG DAN. [ ] SAID THAT LARGE NUMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL CHAIRMEN FROM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY HAD AGREED TO RUN FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AS CANDIDATES OF BLOC. THIS INCLUDED HOA HAO, CAO DAI, CATHOLIC AND MODERATE BUDDHIST COUNCILMEN. [ ] CLAIMED THAT WHILE THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CAMPAIGN ON STRENGTH OF THEIR OWN PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION (I.E., AS CAO DAI, HOA HAO, ETC.) THEY WOULD USE ONE COMMON SYMBOL COUNTRY-WIDE.

2. ACCORDING TO [ ] NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC BLOC HAS ALREADY DRAWN UP FIVE-MAN LISTS FOR TWO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS IN GIA DINH.

ONE SLATE WILL BE LED BY DR. DAN, [ ] SECOND, CATHOLICS IN THIRD AND FOURTH PLACES, AND HEAD OF GIA DINH CVT IN FIFTH. [ ] FIGURED THIS SLATE COULD WIN FOUR SEATS, AND THAT BLOC'S SECOND GIA DINH SLATE COULD WIN THREE.

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3. [ ] HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PEOPLES-ARMY CONGRESS AS WERE ALL PROVINCIAL COUNCILMEN WHO SERVED ON ELECTION LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE. [ ] SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE AND OTHER

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COUNCILMEN [ ] WERE UNHAPPY WITH REQUIREMENT THAT THEY RESIGN FROM PROVINCIAL COUNCILS IN ORDER TO SERVE IN CONGRESS. SAID HE AND OTHERS WOULD REQUEST THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN PROVINCE COUNCIL POSITIONS. IF REQUEST NOT MET, INTENDED TO REJECT GVN INVITATION , AND BELIEVED MOST OF OTHERS WOULD DO SAME. LODGE - BT

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